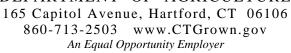


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Connecticut Department of Agriculture Working with USDA Farm Service Agency on Irene Relief

Connecticut Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky announced today that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture is working with USDA's Farm Service Agency to gather information and compile reports regarding damage to Connecticut farms caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

"We are working diligently to collect and share this information between our two agencies so that reporting and requests for any available disaster relief and/or financial assistance can be completed as efficiently and expeditiously as possible," Commissioner Reviczky said.

"The damage report forms posted on our website at www.CTGrown.gov will help us compile the information quickly and comprehensively," Commissioner Reviczky continued. "We appreciate everyone's cooperation in filling out and returning the forms to us as soon as they can."

Farmers who have questions about completing the damage reports can contact the Department of Agriculture's Marketing Department at 860-713-2503.

Information about additional USDA assistance programs that may be applicable to farmers who have suffered storm losses can be found here (USDA NRCS/FSA Storm Damage Assistance Release, .pdf).

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